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A panel of experts examined shifting the Affordable Care Act's policy focus from access to cost containment at a Boston College Law School Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy forum held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at the Boston College Club in downtown Boston.

Industry and government experts discussed the policy challenges ahead for the Affordable Care Act, including initiatives to contain rising prescription drug costs, enhance price transparency, and promote alternatives to fee-for-service payment.

Since the ACA's passage in 2010, 17.6 million people have gained coverage and approximately 10.5 million uninsured individuals are eligible for coverage through the initiative's Health Insurance Marketplace, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Congressional Budget Office projected the program will cost \$1.2 trillion through 2025, while repeal of the landmark legislation could cost between \$137 billion and \$353 billion during the next decade.

Panelists included:

- Courtney Aladro, Assistant Attorney General and Senior Health Care Policy Advisor, Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General
- Joseph Avellone, MD, Executive Vice President, PAREXEL International Corporation
- Paul Hattis, MD, Commissioner, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission; Senior Associate Director, MPH Program, Tufts University Medical School
- Steve Walsh, Executive Director, Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals
- Moderator: Michael Caljouw, VP of Public, Government, and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

For questions about the event, please contact rappaport@bc.edu.

If you missed our panel, you may view [pictures](#).